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FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN "PEOPLE" SECTION OF MARCH 3 EDITION OF TIME MAGAZINE. BEGIN TEXT. THE GOOD SHIP LOLLIPOP WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT QUITE THE THING FOR ACCRA SO INSTEAD, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GHANA SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, 46, JOGGED THE LOCAL HIGHLIFE STOMP BEFORE DELIGHTED CROWDS. AT POST FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, SHIRLEY HAS ALREADY STARTED COMING TO GRIPS WITH LOCAL TRIBAL LANGUAGES, TOSSING OFF "AKWAABA" (WELCOME IN TWI) AND "OYIWALA DONN" (THANK YOU IN GA) WITHOUT EVEN A HINT OF HER NOTORIOUS CHILDHOOD LISP. RESIDENT AMERICANS WHO GREETED SHIRLEY WITH SKEPTICISM NOW CALL HER A SOLID PLUS FOR UNCLE SAM. SAID ONE GHANAIAAN OFFICIAL HAPPILY " IT IS GOOD TO HAVE A FAMOUS PUBLIC PERSON HERE WHO MAY GET US MORE ATTENTION IN AMERICA." END TEXT.

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